

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 6899—Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8809–S8896

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3491–3502, S. Res. 662, and S. Con. Res. 99. **Pages S8855–56**

Measures Reported:

S. 3168, to authorize United States participation in the replenishment of resources of the International Development Association. (S. Rept. No. 110–464)

S. 2321, to amend the E–Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–347) to reauthorize appropriations, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 110–465)

S. 2816, to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security. (S. Rept. No. 110–466)

S. 3038, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–467)

H.R. 29, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 31, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wildomar Service Area Recycled Water Distribution Facilities and Alberhill Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Projects.

H.R. 236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to create a Bureau of Reclamation partnership with the North Bay Water Reuse Authority and other regional partners to achieve objectives relating

to water supply, water quality, and environmental restoration.

H.R. 813, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 816, to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project, with an amendment.

H.R. 838, to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah, with an amendment.

H.R. 903, to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 1139, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 1737, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of permanent facilities for the GREAT project to reclaim, reuse, and treat impaired waters in the area of Oxnard, California.

H.R. 1803, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to design and construct a four reservoir intertie system for the purposes of improving the water storage opportunities, water supply reliability, and water yield of San Vicente, El Capitan, Murray, and Loveland Reservoirs in San Diego County, California in consultation and cooperation with the City of San Diego and the Sweetwater Authority.

H.R. 2246, to provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada.

H.R. 2614, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in certain water projects in California.

H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3022, to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, with an amendment.

H.R. 3323, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District.

H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, with amendments.

H.R. 3682, to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, with amendments.

H.R. 5137, to ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River.

S. 390, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1477, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1680, to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife

Refuge in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1756, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1816, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2093, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2156, to authorize and facilitate the improvement of water management by the Bureau of Reclamation, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Energy to increase the acquisition and analysis of water resources for irrigation, hydroelectric power, municipal, and environmental uses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2255, to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for studies of the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail to determine whether to add the trails to the National Trails System, with an amendment.

S. 2354, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 4 parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, with amendments.

S. 2359, to establish the St. Augustine 450th Commemoration Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2448, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make certain technical corrections.

S. 2535, to revise the boundary of the Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, with amendments.

S. 2561, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War.

S. 2779, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

S. 2805, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Rio Grande Pueblos in the State of New Mexico and provide

grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Rio Grande Pueblos to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2842, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out annual inspections of canals, levees, tunnels, dikes, pumping plants, dams, and reservoirs under the jurisdiction of the Secretary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2875, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide grants to designated States and tribes to carry out programs to reduce the risk of livestock loss due to predation by gray wolves and other predator species or to compensate landowners for livestock loss due to predation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2943, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail, with amendments.

S. 2974, to provide for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3010, to reauthorize the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program.

S. 3011, to amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3017, to designate the Beaver Basin Wilderness at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3045, to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3051, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the site of the Battle of Camden in South Carolina, as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3065, to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3069, to designate certain land as wilderness in the State of California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3085, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a cooperative watershed management program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3088, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3089, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3096, to amend the National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations for the National Cave and Karst Research Institute.

S. 3158, to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, with an amendment.

S. 3179, to authorize the conveyance of certain public land in the State of New Mexico owned or leased by the Department of Energy, with an amendment.

S. 3189, to amend Public Law 106-392 to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration and the Commissioner of Reclamation to maintain sufficient revenues in the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3226, to rename the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in the State of Kentucky as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park", with an amendment.

S. 3499, to protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks. **Pages S8853-54**

Measures Passed:

Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5893, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8875**

District of Columbia Courts: Senate passed H.R. 5551, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8875**

Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations relating to the notice to be provided claimants with the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the substantiation of claims, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8875-89**

Levin (for Akaka) Amendment No. 5614, to strike section 311, relating to relief for students who discontinue education because of military service, and to provide a temporary increase in the number of authorized judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. **Page S8883**

Republic of Latvia Independence 90th Anniversary: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 87, congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the 90th anniversary of its declaration of independence, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8889–90**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 5290, to change the enactment date. **Page S8814**

Reid Amendment No. 5291 (to Amendment No. 5290), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8814**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 200), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S8826**

Subsequently, the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 5292 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date, fell when the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was agreed to. **Pages S8814, S8826**

Reid Amendment No. 5293 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit to the bill), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 5292 fell. **Pages S8814, S8826**

Reid Amendment No. 5294 (to Amendment No. 5293), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 5292 fell. **Pages S8814, S8826**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, and that all time in adjournment, recess, and morning business count post-cloture. **Page S8890**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Harkin be authorized to sign the duly enrolled

copy of S. 3406, to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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Executive Reports of Committees:

By Mr. Biden, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 110–6: Amendment to Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material with 1 reservation, 3 understandings, and 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 110–24);

Treaty Doc. 110–8: Protocols of 2005 to the Convention concerning Safety of Maritime Navigation and to the Protocol concerning Safety of Fixed Platforms on the Continental Shelf with reservations, understandings, and declarations (Ex. Rept. 110–25); and

Treaty Doc. 106–1(A): The Hague Convention with 4 understandings and 1 declaration (Ex. Rept. 110–26). **Pages S8854–55**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bill Nelson, of Florida, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Bob Corker, of Tennessee, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Anthony H. Gioia, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Karen Elliott House, of New Jersey, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

James W. Ceaser, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

Alfred S. Irving, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard.

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| Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—200) | Page S8826 |

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8890.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BROADBAND DATA IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reasons that broadband Internet access matters, including S. 1492, to improve the quality of Federal and State data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation, after receiving testimony from Margaret Conroy, Missouri State Librarian, Jefferson City, on behalf of the American Library Association; Rey Ramsey, One Economy Corporation, Larry Cohen, Communications Workers of America, Jonathan Linkous, American Telemedicine Association, and Mara Mayor, AARP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Gene Peltola, Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel, Alaska.

ELECTRIC POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of vehicles powered by the electric grid and the prospects for wider deployment in the near future, after receiving testimony from Brian P. Wynne, Electric Drive Transportation Association, and Robert Wimmer, Toyota Motor North America, both of Washington, D.C.; Ed Kjaer, Southern California Edison Company, Rosemead; Joseph T. Dalum, DUECO, Waukesha, Wisconsin; and Thad Balkman, Phoenix Motorcars, Ontario, California.

ENERGY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine recent analyses of the role of speculative investment in energy markets, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Harris, Chief Economist, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Michael W. Masters, Masters Capital Management, LLC, Saint Croix, U.S.

Virgin Islands; Robert F. McCullough, Jr., McCullough Research, Portland, Oregon; and Lawrence Eagles, JPMorgan Chase and Company, on behalf of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), James Newsome, CME Group, and Fadel Gheit, Oppenheimer and Company, Inc., all of New York, New York.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the children's health protection efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), after receiving testimony from George Gray, Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Leonardo Trasande, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Children's Environmental Health Center, New York, New York; Susan West Marmagas, Commonweal, Bolinas, California; and Robert L. Brent, A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, Delaware.

DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine aligning incentives, focusing on the case for health care delivery system reform, after receiving testimony from Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Glenn D. Steele, Jr., Geisinger Health System, Danville, Pennsylvania; Robert A. Berenson, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Eric G. Campbell, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

RULE OF LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine restoring the rule of law, after receiving testimony from former Representative Mickey Edwards, Constitution Project, Charles J. Cooper, Cooper and Kirk, PLLC, Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, Patrick F. Philbin, Kirkland and Ellis LLP, John D. Podesta, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, all of Washington, D.C.; Harold Hongju Koh, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York, New York; Robert Turner, University of Virginia School of Law Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville; Walter Dellinger, former Solicitor General of the United States, Department of Justice, Duke University School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Kyndra Rotunda, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 6908–6917; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 415–417; and H. Res. 1440, 1442–1447, were introduced. **Pages H8275–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8276–77**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1441, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3036) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education (H. Rept. 110–854);

H.R. 6323, to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–855);

H. Res. 1376, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Okeechobee Hurricane of September 1928 and its associated tragic loss of life, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–856);

H.R. 5244, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–857); and

Misleading Information from the Battlefield: The Tillman and Lynch Episodes (H. Rept. 110–858).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8131**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H8136**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H8136, H8257**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed H.R. 1485, for the relief of Esther Karinge; H.R. 2760, for the relief of Shigeru Yamada; H.R. 5030, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; H.R. 5243, for the relief of Kumi Iizuka-Barcena; and passed over without prejudice H.R. 2575, for the relief of Mikael Adrian Christopher Figueroa Alvarez. **Pages H8137–38**

Motion To Adjourn: Rejected the Pence motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 11 yeas to 393 nays, Roll No. 592. **Pages H8151–52**

Motion To Adjourn: Rejected the Price (GA) motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 9 yeas to 386 noes, Roll No. 594. **Page H8157**

Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 6899, to advance the national security interests of the United States by reducing its dependency on oil through renewable and clean, alternative fuel technologies while building a bridge to the future through expanded access to Federal oil and natural gas resources, revising the relationship between the oil and gas industry and the consumers who own those resources and deserve a fair return from the development of publicly owned oil and gas, ending tax subsidies for large oil and gas companies, and facilitating energy efficiencies in the building, housing, and transportation sectors, by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 599. **Pages H8180–H8256**

Rejected the Peterson (PA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 598.

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H. Res. 1433, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 596, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 595.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1433 and it was agreed by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 593, to proceed with consideration of the resolution.

Pages H8152–57

National Capital Security and Safety Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 6842, to require the District of Columbia to revise its laws regarding the use and possession of firearms as necessary to comply with the requirements of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, in a manner that protects the security interests of the Federal government and the people who work in, reside in, or visit the District of Columbia and does not undermine the efforts of law enforcement, homeland security, and military officials to protect the Nation's Capital from crime and terrorism. Further proceedings were postponed.

Pages H8257–72

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and the bill, as amended, shall

be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Childers amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 110–852) that seeks to strike all after the enacting clause and insert a complete new text entitled “Second Amendment Enforcement Act”.

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H. Res. 1434, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 597.

Pages H8168–78, H8179–80

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8136.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8151–52, H8156–57, H8157, H8178–79, H8179, H8180, H8255–56, and H8256. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17th.

Committee Meetings

U.S. FOREIGN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Considerations for an American Grand Strategy. Testimony was heard from Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State.

DEFEATING THE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive and Other Asymmetric Threats: Today’s efforts and Tomorrow’s Requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Thomas F. Metz, USA, Director, Joint Improvised Device Defeat Organization; William Beasley, Joint Rapid Acquisition, Cell, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics); Tom Matthews, Director, Warfighter Requirements and Evaluation, Office of the Under Secretary (Intelligence); MG Jason K. Kamiya, USA, Director Joint Training Directorate (J7); U.S. Joint Training Directorate, U.S. Joint Forces Command; and Bradley Berkson, Director, Programs, Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary.

BUDGET SURPLUS

Committee on the Budget: Hearing on Iraq’s Budget Surplus. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Christopher M. Blanchard, Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CALLING CARD CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; TRAVEL PROMOTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee the following bills: H.R. 3232, amended; Travel Promotion Act 2007; and H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act. Testimony was heard from William E. Kovacic, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

DEFEATING IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Other Asymmetric Threats: Today’s Efforts and Tomorrow’s Requirements.

STATUS OF DTV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Status of the DTV Transition: 154 Days and Counting,” Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; Meredith Baker, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications, Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 6694, FHA Seller-Financed Downpayment Reform and Risk-Based Pricing Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6890, Payments System Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 3019, Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act; H.R. 6642, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6871, Expedited Funds Availability Dollar Limits Adjustment Act of 2008.

HUD’S PROPOSED RESPA RULE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled: “HUD’s Proposed RESPA Rule.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEFEATING AL QAEDA'S AIR FORCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South held a hearing on Defeating al Qaeda's Air Force: Pakistan's F-16 Program in the Fight Against Terrorism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VADM Jeffrey A. Wieringa, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency; Mitchell Shivers; MG Burton M. Field, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff; the following officials of the Department of State: Donald Camp, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Agency, and Frank Ruggiero, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Foreign Assistance in the Americas. Testimony was heard from Senator Menendez; Mark Schneider, former Director, Peace Corps; and public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Cybersecurity Recommendations for the Next Administration." Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTEROPERABILITY IN THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "Interoperability in the Next Administration: Assessing the Derailed 700 MHz D-block Public Safety Spectrum Auction." Testimony was heard from Chief Derek Poarch, Public Safety, Homeland Security Bureau, FCC; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Chris Essid, Director, Office of Emergency Communications; and David Boyd, Director, Command, Control, and Interoperability Division; Deputy Chief Charles Dowd, City of New York Police Department; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FBI

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Compensation. Testimony was heard from Margaret Dee

McGarity, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the impacts that U.S. consumer demand is having on the illegal and unsustainable trade of wildlife products and ongoing and proposed efforts to increase public awareness about these impacts. Testimony was heard from Benito A. Perez, Chief, Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM WORKERS SAFETY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Pineros: Reviewing the Welfare of Workers on Federal Lands. Testimony was heard from Hank Kashton, Deputy Chief, Business Operations, Forest Service, USDA; Alex Passantino, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

DOMESTIC HIV PROTECTION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Domestic Epidemic Is Worse Than We Thought: A Wake-Call for HIV Prevention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and public witnesses.

DC WORKERS JUSTICE EQUITY; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia began consideration of H.R. 5600, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2008.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Legislative Branch Diversity Management Review. Testimony was heard from Carol Bates, Inspector General, Architect of the Capitol; Carl W. Hoecker, Capitol Police, Francis Garcia, Inspector General, GAO; J. Anthony Ogden, Inspector General, GPO; Karl W. Schornagel, Inspector General, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 5–3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R.

3036, the “No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

DHL AND UPS ARRANGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Held a hearing on the Effects of Proposed Arrangement Between DHL and UPS on Competition, Customer Service, and Employment. Testimony was heard from Senator Brown; Representative Turner; Lee Fisher, Lt. Gov., State of Ohio and Director of Ohio Department of Development; David L. Raizk, Mayor, Wilmington, Ohio; and public witnesses.

OIL SPILL IN NEW ORLEANS—SAFETY ON THE ORLEANS RIVER SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Oil Spill in New Orleans in July 2008 and Safety on the Inland River System. Testimony was heard from RADM James Watson, IV, USCG, Director of Prevention Policy for Marine Safety Security and Stewardship, Department of Homeland Security; David Westerholm, Director, Office of Response and Restoration, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

VA SUICIDE HOTLINE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health hearing on VA Suicide Hotline. Testimony was heard from A. Katherine Power, Director, Center for Medical Health Services, Substances and Mental Health Service Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet E. Kemp, R.N., VA National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

DISABILITY BACKLOG

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security hearing on Clearing the Disability Backlog. Testimony was from the following officials of the SSA: Frank Cristaudo, Chief Administrative Law Judge; and Patrick O'Connell, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to discuss a Subcommittee report.

Joint Meetings

BELARUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the state of democracy and human rights in Belarus and ways the Belarusian authorities are complying with their Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) election commitments in advance of the September 28 parliamentary elections, after receiving testimony from David J. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Stephen B. Nix, International Republican Institute, Laura Jewett, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and Rodger Potocki, National Endowment for Democracy, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1041)

H.R. 6532, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance. Signed on September 15, 2008. (Public Law 110-318)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine pending Corporation for Public Broadcasting nominations, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine S. 1387, to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to provide for greenhouse gases, S. 2080, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, H.R. 1771, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes, H.R. 3224, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams, H.R. 3999 and S. 3338, bills to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia, S. 2970, to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, S. 1828, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing the consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline, and other pending legislation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Russia's aggression against Georgia, focusing on the consequences and responses, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine 401(k) plan fee disclosure, focusing on helping workers save for retirement, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3474, to amend title 44, United States Code, to enhance information security of the Federal Government, S. 3384, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal IT investment projects, H.R. 2631, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security

Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, H.R. 3815, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, an original bill to establish a controlled unclassified information framework, H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth, S. 3350, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances, S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence, H.R. 5975 and S. 3317, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office", H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the "Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building", S. 3309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Post Office Building, H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office", and the nominations of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, and Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine direct-to-consumer medical device advertising, focusing on marketing and medicine, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety—FDA, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access to Cable Television, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the Secret Rule of the Department of Labor's Worker Health Risk Assessment Proposal, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following bills: H.R. 6469, Organ Transplant Authorization; S. 1760 Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1532, Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2007; H.R. 2994, National Pain Care Policy Act of 2007; H.R. 5265, Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; the Meth Free Families and Communities Act; H.R. 1014, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act; H.R. 6353, To amend, title VII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a loan program for eligible hospitals to establish residency training programs; H. R. 1076, HIPPA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act; and H.R. 758, Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Implementation of the Hope for Homeowners Program and a Review of Foreclosure Mitigation Efforts," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on Exporting Toxic Trash: Are We Dumping Our Electronic Waste on Poorer Countries?, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Transportation Worker Identification Credential: A Status Update," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement: Calculating the Cost of DHS Failed Contracts," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008; H.R. 6020, To amend the Immigration and Na-

tionality Act to protect the well-being of soldiers and their families, and for other purposes; H.R. 5882, To recapture employment-based visas lost to bureaucratic delays and to prevent losses of family- and employment-based immigrant visas in the future; H.R. 5924, Emergency Nursing Supply Relief Act; and H.R. 5950, Detainee Basic Medical Care Act of 2008, and a resolution and report recommending to the House of Representatives that the Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey be cited for contempt of Congress, 10:15, a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Implementation of the Office of Government Information Services, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, hearing entitled "Disaster Savings Accounts: Protections for Small Businesses During a Disaster," 2 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on FAA Aircraft Certification: Alleged Regulatory Lapses in the Certification and Manufacture of the Eclipse EA-500, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, executive, on Security Clearance proceedings, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol, and a hearing on the Administration progress toward reform of the security clearance process, as set forth by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the role of Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) institutions in advancing human rights and democracy, 3 p.m., 2325 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 hour), Senate will continue consideration of S. 3001, National Defense Authorization Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 6842—National Capital Security and Safety Act. Consideration of H.R. 3036—No Child Left Inside Act of 2008 (Subject to a Rule).

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